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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE DOL PRODUCTIVITY SEMINAR

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1. EMBOFF DISCUSSED DOL PRODUCTIVITY SEMINAR WITH DUSAN STRUJIC
ON JANUARY 14.

2. STRUJIC IS ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT SEMINAR AND SUGGESTS LAST
TWO WEEKS APRIL AS IDEAL TIME FROM YUGOSLAV VIEWPOINT. HE ENVISAGES
HIGHLY TECHNICAL, SPECIALIZED SEMINAR PROGRAM DIRECTED AT SCIENTISTS,
TECHNICIANS AND ENGINEERS - ALSO ANTICIPATES ATTENDANCE OF 30-40
AT EACH SESSION.

3. SEMINAR TOPICS STILL NOT YET DECIDED; STRONG PROBABILITY
THAT RECENT TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENTS IN STEEL INDUSTRY WILL
BE FINAL CHOICE OF YUGOSLAVS FOR ONE SEMINAR AND GOOD POSSIBILITY
THAT RECENT TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENTS IN ALUMINUM INDUSTRY
WILL BE TOPIC SELECTED FOR SECOND SEMINAR. STRUJIC WOULD LIKE
HOLD STEEL SEMINAR AT SMEDEREVO STEEL PLANT (APPROXIMATELY 40 KM
FROM BELGRADE) SO THAT PARTICIPANTS CAN DISCUSS ACTUAL STEEL
OPERATIONS IN COURSE OF SEMINAR. SAME PROGRAM LIKELY FOR ALUMINUM
SEGMENT OF SEMINAR SERIES; I.E., SEMINAR WOULD TAKE PLACE AT ALUMINUM
SMELTER, E.G., SIBENIK OR MOSTAR.

4. STRUJIC ASKED FOR FORMAL PROPOSAL OUTLINING WHAT PORTIONS OF
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SEMINAR CHAMBER OF ECONOMY AND DOL RESPONSIBLE FOR. EMBASSY WILL

DRAFT FORMAL PROPOSAL ALONG LINES OF THOSE USED FOR 1972 STRUCTURED LABOR SEMINAR. CHAMBER WILL PROVIDE MEETING HALL AND INVITED PARTICIPANTS. DOL WILL COVER ALL TRAVEL AND OTHER EXPENSES OF US PARTICIPANTS AND INTERPRETING COSTS.

5. ON BASIS THIS DISCUSSION, EMBASSY ADVISES DOL TO BEGIN ASAP OF STEEL PRODUCTIVITY EXPERTS. RECRUITMENT OF EXPERTS FOR ALUMINUM SEGMENT OR OTHER TOPIC SELECTED BY YUGOSLAVS SHOULD BE HELD IN ABEYANCE UNTIL YUGOSLAVS MAKE FINAL DECISION ON SECOND SEGMENT OF SEMINAR. EMBASSY ENVISAGES TWO EXPERTS EACH SEMINAR SEGMENT PLUS DOL CONTROL OFFICER.

6. SEMINAR OUTLINE OF STEEL SEGMENT SHOULD BE PREPARED ASAP. PLEASE SEND TO EMBASSY VIALABLE FOR TRANSLATION AND FORWARDING TO STRUJIC.
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